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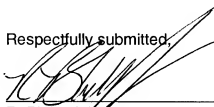
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This assertion of small entity status is being made, in particular, in advance of the maintenance fee due July 18, 2012.

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